

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby elects the claims indicated as forming Group I (claims 1-5). In addition, as the Examiner has indicated that Claim 6 is a linking claim, Applicants also elect to continue prosecution of the linking claim, which the Examiner has admitted could be part of Group I.

Applicant also hereby elects Species I drawn to an optical sampler.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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